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HANDLOOM WEAVERS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to rejuvenate handloom weavers in the country;

(b) if so, the details of scheme formulated in this regard;

(c) whether the scheme is likely to cover the entire needs of this sector in each cluster for supply of raw material, marketing support, upgradation of technology and welfare of the weavers; and

(d) if so, the details of action plan to help the Karnataka State to develop this sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a)(b)&(c) : The Government of India has introduced Mill Gate Price Scheme, Diversified Handloom Development Scheme and propose to introduce the Integrated Handloom Development Scheme, Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme and Marketing & Export Promotion Scheme during the XI Plan period. The proposed Integrated Handloom Development Scheme would cover the requirements of the weavers of the selected clusters in terms of formation of Self Help Groups, technology up-gradation, design & product development and marketing support.

(d) : Out of the 20 handloom Clusters selected for their integrated and holistic development, Gadag in the State of Karnataka is one of the Clusters. Each cluster will be developed in a timeframe of 4 years at a cost not exceeding Rs. 2.00 crore. Karnataka Handloom Development Corporation (KHDC) is the Implementing Agency for development of Gadag cluster.The action plan for year 2007-08, which includes various interventions like engagement of designer, product development, skill upgradation, organizing exhibitions/fairs etc. is under implementation by KHDC. Additional five handloom clusters i.e.

(i) Mahalingapur-Bagalkot Distt.
(ii) Challoakere Town, Chitradurg Distt.
(iii) Kollegal −Chamarajanagar Distt.
(iv) Thimmasandara- Kolar Distt. and
(iv) Mulakalamuru-Chitradurga Distt. have been selected in the State of Karnataka and their diagnostic study has been conducted.

Government of India implements the Schemes for development of handloom sector though the State Governments and other agencies. After approval of the Schemes for the XI Plan, State Governments will be requested to send proposals for development of the handloom sector in the respective states, including Karnataka.